

“Open Mike”



September 2013

FROM THE PRESIDENT

With half of the current Committee's term of office gone, I should bring you up to date with some of the things we have managed to achieve so far:-

1. The completion and granting of our five year License.
2. The installation of the new generator sited at the rear of our building. It has already proved its worth. On a day when the whole town was without power Radio Mansfield continued to broadcast. We are still awaiting Stinchcombe Engineering to make the table top, and we look forward to its completion.
3. We have upgraded our insurance policies – our defamation policy is with AON and our equipment and 3rd party insurance is now with Elders Insurance.
4. A successful social get together held recently at The Curry Garden restaurant. It was terrific to see so many presenters attend and enjoy an evening of great food and chatting with fellow presenters.
5. Current fund raising/competition – see separate item.

We are, as always, very indebted to our wonderful sponsors, and thank them for their continuing interest and support of our Station. We have lost some and gained others as this year has progressed, and Woody is always on the lookout for new sponsors to come on board.

Our technical experts do a great job in keeping those “niggly” problems at bay and us on air in an increasingly technical studio environment, and I thank them for their efforts. *Until next time, Marg Seeber*

Radio MANSFIELD 99.7 FM

Station News –

RM's Day out in The High Street

Plans are currently underway to present a free music concert in Mansfield's High Street on Saturday 2nd November from noon.

For some time the Committee of Management has toyed with the idea of staging an event to thank our community for its support of the Station over the years, as well as raise our profile. We selected this date because the High Country Festival will be in full swing and the town will be busy.

We are in discussion with some out of town performers as well as local singers and bands, and hope to present a program of music featuring country, rock, classical and folk, so something for everyone.

We are very excited at the prospect of getting this event up and running, and do hope that you will come along and join in the fun.

This will be a very good opportunity to renew, or indeed take out a Radio Mansfield membership, as Roy, the treasurer, and his very able helpers will be there to assist you, and there will be some Radio Mansfield merchandise available.

Marg's fundraising competition-

As many of you would be aware, Margaret Wilson, who is one of the Committee of Management members, organised a competition earlier this year to guess the number of bread ties she had collected. The jar containing the bread ties made its rounds of some businesses and markets around town. The winners of this guessing competition were-

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

The amount raised was –

Well done with your guesses, and a HUGE thank you to everyone who supported this venture and to Margaret for her idea and seeing the competition through.

Program spotlight

Have you caught up with Brett Doornekamp's program yet?

'THE RANCH' is hosted by "THE WOLF" and airs on Radio Mansfield 99.7FM every Saturday night between seven and midnight.

Over the months the program has had a few changes to find a format that listeners want to hear on a Saturday night. It has now gained a large following, not only in here in the High Country but also via streaming on The Web to listeners across the world, as far as Nashville, Tennessee.

The program features a variety of music from classic to the latest releases in country and rock, along with interviews, gig guide and highlights events in the High Country and music news from Australia and Nashville.

'The Ranch' is supported by CRS Publicity, Sony Music and Universal Music, which means the show always has the latest information, releases and access to singers for interviews. The show is not only backed by these labels but listened to by the singers as well.

You can find **'The Ranch'** on Facebook www.book.com.au/theranchaustralia where you can interact with the show, request songs and get shout outs while the show is on air. So tune in, Sat 7-12

And that's all folks, "Open Mike" signing off.